



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wyoming experienced cooler than normal temperatures for the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty-five out of the 34 reporting stations reported below average temperatures for the week with the high temperature of 98 degrees recorded at Greybull, and a low of 24 degrees at Shirley Basin. Above normal moisture was received at 22 of the reporting stations. Two stations (Evanston and Wheatland) reported no moisture while Chugwater reported the most moisture with 1.11 inches. Second cutting of alfalfa was 94 percent complete. Small grain harvest progress was 70 percent for barley, 60 percent for oats, 78 percent for spring wheat, and 91 percent for winter wheat. A reporter from Western Wyoming indicated cold nights and dry conditions with high fire danger. They also reported that the rangelands are really yellow and dry and there is some concern about the extent of frost damage to the crop. A reporter from South Central Wyoming indicated some showers but still mostly dry. They also indicated that hay harvest and the grazing season are nearing completion. A Southeastern Wyoming reporter indicated welcome general rain and associated cool down occurred during the week. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 8 percent very short, 27 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Second cutting.....	94	91	73	73
Third cutting.....	7	--	--	4
Barley				
Mature	98	80	88	83
Harvested	70	55	54	61
Corn				
Dough.....	52	37	38	20
Dry edible beans				
Setting pods.....	75	60	82	78
Coloring	51	27	32	24
Oats				
Mature	80	65	75	68
Harvested	60	44	51	45
Spring wheat				
Mature	97	85	72	80
Harvested	78	54	57	58
Winter wheat				
Harvested	91	88	80	90

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.2	6.9	6.4	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	13	2	17
Short.....	34	36	36	38
Adequate	41	41	61	43
Surplus	10	10	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	11	--	15
Short.....	34	39	31	35
Adequate	48	45	68	50
Surplus	5	5	1	--

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	7	7	--	NA
Poor.....	10	10	--	NA
Fair.....	16	16	9	NA
Good	64	64	85	NA
Excellent	3	3	6	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	2	2	--	5
Fair.....	14	14	10	19
Good	82	82	79	65
Excellent	2	2	11	9
Dry edible beans				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	2
Fair.....	10	11	10	25
Good	88	87	65	60
Excellent	1	1	25	13
Irrigation water supply				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	NA
Poor.....	12	10	3	NA
Fair.....	23	19	24	NA
Good	50	54	40	NA
Excellent	15	17	29	NA
Oats				
Very poor.....	14	14	--	NA
Poor.....	8	4	1	NA
Fair.....	19	21	9	NA
Good	58	60	70	NA
Excellent	1	1	20	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	10	--	15
Poor.....	18	15	3	15
Fair.....	31	27	17	19
Good	36	43	69	44
Excellent	5	5	11	7
Sugarbeets				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	14	14	10	23
Good	86	86	67	64
Excellent	--	--	23	13
Livestock				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	4	--	NA
Fair.....	15	13	6	NA
Good	76	78	76	NA
Excellent	5	5	18	NA

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Wyoming’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wyoming/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/WY_Weather_08212016.pdf